

Therefore, Carter does not disclose the techniques of claims 1, 11, and 19 of the present application of aligning an address stored in a K-bit word such that the N least significant bits are zero and encoding information in the N least significant bits, as Carter does not align an address such the N least significant bits are 0, and does not encode information in the N least significant bits of an address. Independent claims 1, 11 and 19 are allowable over Carter.

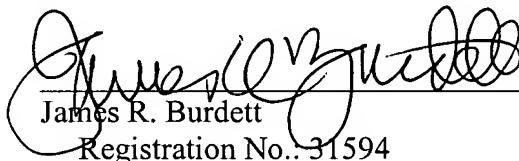
Claims 2-10, 12-18, and 20-28 depend from the independent claims which are allowable over Carter as discussed above.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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